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SUBJECT: MILITARY SURVEY TEAM REPORT

REF: (A) STATE 210913, (B) BEIRUT 4955

1. THE MILITARY SURVEY TEAM REPORT WAS RECEIVED HERE ON AUGUST 27. PURSUANT TO REFTEL (A), I HAD INFORMED DEFENSE MINISTER BOUTROS THE WEEK BEFORE THAT THE REPORT WAS IN THE MAIL, AND HE ASKED TO BE GIVEN IT AS SOON AS IT ARRIVES(REFTEL B). SINCE THEN WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO HOLD UP THE REPORT PENDING FURTHER CLEARANCES WITHIN THE USG, AND IT NOW LIES USELESSLY IN OUR SAFE. IF WE CAN NOT OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO HAND IT TO BOUTROS, THE ISSUE WILL CREATE AN ADDITIONAL EMBARRASSMENT FOR USG-GOL RELATIONS. WE HAVE TOLD THE GOL THAT ONE OF THE HIGHEST POLICY OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE LEBANESE ARMY, AND BOUTROS IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH PARLIAMENTARY DEFENSE COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES IN CRUCIAL STAGES OF REBUILDING THE ARMY. THE REPORT COULD MAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROCESS IN THIS STILL CRYSTALLIZING STAGE IF HANDED OVER NOW. IF WE CAN NOT SOON PRODUCE THE REPORT WHICH WE HAVE PROMISED SO LONG, IT COULD CAUSE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON GOL CONFIDENCE IN THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR INTENTIONS.
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2. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION WITHIN DEPT AND USG BE FOCUSSED ON THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE CLEARANCE OF THIS REPORT FOR HANDING OVER.
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